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U.S. Winter Wheat

U. S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.62 billion bushels, down 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and 5 percent below 1999. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 46.7 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from the May forecast and 1.1 bushels below 1999. Grain area expected to be harvested totals 34.7 million acres, unchanged from May 1 but 2 percent below last year.

Hard Red production is down 3 percent from a month ago to 944 million bushels. White Winter is up 1 percent from last month. Soft Red is up 1 percent from the last forecast and now totals 448 million bushels.

Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: American type cheese production in April 2000

totaled 3.3 million pounds, 18 percent below April 1999 but 7.5 percent above March 2000. **Total cheese** output, at 6.5 million pounds, was down 3.5 percent from April 1999 but 3.3 percent above March 2000. **Swiss cheese** production totaled 2.5 million pounds, 34 percent above April 1999 and 3.3 percent above March 2000. **Dry whey** (human) production was 2.1 million pounds, down 17 percent from April 1999 and down 4.8 percent from March 2000. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 1.1 million gallons, 14 percent above April 1999 and 1.4 percent above March 2000.

UNITED STATES: American type cheese production totaled 309 million pounds, 2.3 percent below April 1999 and 3.4 percent below March 2000. **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 685 million pounds, 2.3 percent above April 1999 but 4.5 percent below March 2000. **Cream cottage cheese** production was 28.5 million pounds, 8.6 percent below April 1999 and 9.0 percent below March 2000. **Lowfat cottage cheese** production was 28.8 million pounds, 3.0 percent below April 1999 and 10.8 percent below March 2000. **Butter** production was 117 million pounds in April, 2.3 percent above April 1999 but 4.5 percent below March 2000. **Hard ice cream:** production, at 78.7 million gallons, was up 1.6 percent from April 1999.

Manufactured Dairy Production - April 2000 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	April 1999	March 2000	April 2000	April 1999	March 2000	April 2000
1,000 Pounds						
Butter	1/	1/	1/	114,321	122,472	116,917
Total Cheese 2/	6,711	6,266	6,475	669,670	717,926	685,357
American Type Cheese	4,034	3,074	3,304	316,483	320,203	309,303
Swiss Cheese	1,887	2,451	2,533	18,837	18,326	16,336
Dry Whey, Human	2,523	2,189	2,083	92,029	101,801	92,752
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream	952	1,073	1,088	77,447	81,075	78,668

1/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 2/ Excluding cottage cheese.

U.S. Turkey Eggs in Incubators

Turkey eggs in incubators on June 1, 2000 in the United States totaled 32.8 million, up slightly from June 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 4 percent from the May 1 total of 31.4 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 2 percent; West North Central, down 3 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 3 percent; South Central, unchanged; and West, up 7 percent.

The 26.0 million poults placed during May 2000 in the United States were down slightly from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 4 percent from the April total of 24.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, up 7 percent; West North Central, down 7 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 9 percent; South Central, up 1 percent; and West, down 14 percent.

Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, June 2000 with Comparisons

Geographic Division	June 1 1999	May 1 2000	June 1 2000	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
		1,000			Percent
E N Central	5,034	*4,877	4,925	98	101
W N Central	11,307	*9,584	10,959	97	114
N & S Atlantic	9,571	*10,075	9,887	103	98
S Central	3,275	3,336	3,284	100	98
West	3,514	3,549	3,749	107	106
US	32,701	*31,421	32,804	100	104

* Revised.

Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States, May 2000 with Comparisons ^{1/}

Geographic Division	May 1999	April 2000	May 2000	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
		1,000			Percent
E N Central	3,359	3,282	3,604	107	110
W N Central	8,840	7,718	8,233	93	107
N & S Atlantic	7,763	8,082	8,491	109	105
S Central	2,838	2,925	2,857	101	98
West	3,285	2,925	2,814	86	96
US	26,085	24,932	25,999	100	104

^{1/} Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

Monthly Milk Production

TWENTY MAJOR STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during May totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 2.6 percent from production in these same States in May 1999. April revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds was up 3.3 percent from April 1999. The April revision represented a decrease of 0.3 percent or 42

million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 20 major States averaged 1,638 pounds for May, 28 pounds above May 1999. **The number of cows** on farms in the 20 major States was 7.80 million head, 63,000 head more than May 1999 and 9,000 head more than April 2000.

Potato Stocks

June 1, 2000 **potato stocks** totaled 46.7 million cwt, down 7 percent from a year ago. Stocks accounted for 11 percent of fall production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to June 1 totaled 374 million cwt this season, up slightly from last year. May disappearance of 39.0 million cwt was up 4 percent from last year. Shrink and loss of 31.8 million cwt was up 3 percent from last year.

Processing of 1999 crop potatoes this season totaled 183 million cwt, down 2 percent from a year earlier. In May, processors in the eight major States used 19.9 million cwt of potatoes, up 4 percent from last year.

Eastern States storage, at 2.30 million cwt, was held primarily in Maine. Stocks were up 21 percent above last year and amounted to 13 percent of the State's production.

Central States accounted for 5.97 million cwt of potato stocks on June 1, down 41 percent from a year ago.

North Dakota's stocks were off 67 percent from last year, Wisconsin's stocks were down 30 percent, and Minnesota's were 24 percent lower.

Western States held 38.4 million cwt of potatoes in storage on June 1, up 1 percent from last year. Oregon's stocks were up 43 percent from a year ago, Colorado's stocks were up 28 percent, and California's storage gained 17 percent. Fewer stocks in Idaho and Washington nearly offset gains in the other 3 Western States. Stocks in Idaho were down 9 percent and Washington's stocks were off 7 percent. Stocks in the three Northwestern States totaled 34.0 million cwt and accounted for 73 percent of the remaining U. S. stocks.

Note: Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed potatoes not yet moved and shrinkage, waste, and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes for the past 5 years averaged 90.7 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage, loss and home use account for the remaining 9.3 percent.

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks on June 1, 1999-2000

State	Crop of 1998			Crop of 1999		
	Production	Stocks June 1, 1999 ^{1/}	% of Production	Production	Stocks June 1, 2000 ^{1/}	% of Production
 1,000 Cwt		Percent 1,000 Cwt		Percent
CA	3,708	600	16	4,005	700	17
CO	25,360	2,900	11	25,762	3,700	14
ID	138,000	23,000	17	133,330	21,000	16
ME	18,060	1,900	11	17,813	2,300	13
MI	14,648			14,963		
MN	21,170	2,500	12	18,020	1,900	11
MT	3,180			3,325		
NE	8,175			8,904		
NY	7,290			6,758		
ND	28,670	4,500	16	26,400	1,500	6
OH	1,200			987		
OR	26,229	4,200	16	28,020	6,000	21
PA	3,360			3,080		
WA	93,225	7,500	8	95,200	7,000	7
WI	30,895	3,000	10	34,000	2,100	6
Other States		170			470	
15 States	423,170	50,270	12	420,567	46,670	11

^{1/} Stocks from States left blank are combined into "Other States".



U.S. Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.93 million head on June 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above June 1, 1999 and 13 percent above June 1, 1998. **Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 12 percent above 1999 and 13 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.19 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds

were 382,000, 600-699 pounds were 470,000, 700-799 pounds were 794,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 658,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 1999 and 11 percent above 1998. **Other disappearance** totaled 115,000 during May, 16 percent above 1999 and up 24 percent from 1998.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, United States, June 1, 1998-2000

Item	Number			2000 as Percent of	
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999
 1,000 Head Percent	
On Feed May 1 ^{1/}	9,724	10,032	*10,914	112	109
Placed on Feed during May	2,033	2,049	2,304	113	112
Fed Cattle Marketed during May	1,961	1,995	2,171	111	109
Other Disappearance during May ^{2/}	93	99	115	124	116
On Feed Jun 1 ^{1/}	9,703	9,987	10,932	113	109

* Revised. ^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.